

Public Health Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06

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Members of the Committee,

As a cook and restaurant owner for over 20 years, I have built my career and reputation on the foundation of high quality ingredients, much of it sourced from local farms and producers. My goal has always been to provide my customers, not to mention my own family, with wholesome, safe and delicious food whose provenance I know, grown and raised by people I trust. The pernicious creep of genetically engineered elements in all areas of our food chain from seed to animal feed has made that promise harder to keep as there is currently no reliable way for me or my growers to know with assurance that what we buy is free of GMO's. I feel strongly that we be allowed access to information about what is in our food so that we as farmers, restaurateurs and consumers can make our own choices about what we, our customers and our families eat.

With conviction,

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